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## Secretary of State Clinton Visits Zambia

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton visited Zambia June 10-11, 2011 becoming the first Secretary of State to visit Zambia since Henry Kissinger's trip 35 years ago.

At the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Forum, Secretary Clinton pledged to put business partnership at the center of U.S. economic development policy. She put these words to action by launching the American Chamber of Commerce in Zambia (see "AmCham" feature for additional information).

Secretary Clinton likewise highlighted the special role of women in creating a prosperous future at her launch of the Zambia Chapter of the African Women's Entrepreneurship Program (AWEP), which



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the United States supports through leadership exchange opportunities.

Promoting integrated partnership to improve the health of Zambian women and children, Secretary Clinton dedicated a state-of-the art Pediatric Center of Excellence constructed with U.S. government funding. At the dedication, she announced an additional \$15 million in funding for prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV in

Zambia.

During her visit, Secretary Clinton emphasized the positive effect that free and fair elections, representing the will of the Zambian people, will have on Zambia's prosperity. She reiterated her message in television and radio interviews and meetings with President Banda and opposition leaders Michael Sata and Hakainde Hichilema.

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## AMCHAM Launched

The currently 40-member American Chamber of Commerce will work to strengthen the U.S.-Zambia commercial relationship, advocate for its members on business issues, and provide a forum for networking with the Zambian business community. If you are interested in joining the Chamber, please contact the Chamber at [info@amchamzambia.org](mailto:info@amchamzambia.org) or Economic Officer Phil Nervig at [nervigpb@state.gov](mailto:nervigpb@state.gov).

**Our alternate after hours  
emergency number has re-  
verted back to 0966-877-805.**

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## Credit Card Payments

You may now pay by credit card for most American Citizen Services. We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, Diners Club, or Discover.

## Reminder: Passport Return Option

U.S. citizens resident in Zambia have the option of supplying the Embassy with a pre-paid, pre-addressed Fedex or DHL envelope for return of their new passports at the time of passport application rather than making a separate trip to the Embassy to collect them. You can also return to collect the passport in person or designate another party in writing to collect it.

It takes an average of two weeks for the Embassy to receive your new passport from the United States. You will receive email notification when it has arrives.

To avoid inconvenience, please call us at 0211-357-260 to tell us when you plan to collect it. The U.S. Embassy is closed on the following Zambian and U.S. holidays for the remainder of 2011: July 4, July 5, August 1, September 5, October 10, October 24, November 11, November 24, December 26.

## American Citizen Services News

### Emergency Preparedness Tips

#### Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit

You may need to survive on your own after a disaster. This means having your own food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least three days. Basic services such as electricity, gas, water, and telephones may be cut off. Or, you may have to evacuate at a moment's notice and take essentials with you. You probably will not have the opportunity to shop or search for the supplies you need. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items that members of a household may need in the event of a disaster.

#### Basic Disaster Supplies

- Water
- Food
- First aid supplies
- Clothing, beddings and sanitation supplies
- Tools
- Special items (medication, etc)

Keep the items that you would most likely need during an evacuation in an easy-to-carry container. Possible containers include a large, covered trash container, camping backpack, or duffle bag. Also, keep your passports and vaccination cards updated and handy.

#### Upcoming Elections and Related Urgent Notices

Zambia and two of her neighbors, Zimbabwe and Democratic Republic of Congo, will have elections this year. The SMS System has been activated to transmit urgent information. If you *opted out* of this service or your mobile phone information has changed, the Embassy recommends that you write to [ACSLusaka@state.gov](mailto:ACSLusaka@state.gov) to ensure you receive urgent notices.

#### Student Advisory Services

The American Cultural Center makes available an extensive reference library, including information about U.S. universities, a video library, and collections of testing bulletins like the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT), Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), and Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT). The educational advisor offers orientation sessions 9-11 a.m. Thursdays and individual advising Thursday afternoons. Individual advising is restricted to prospective students who have attended an orientation session. Orientation attendees learn about the U.S. system of higher education, how to choose a college and apply for acceptance and financial aid, and the commitment required for participation in individual educational advising. The American Cultural Center is based at COMESA House on Ben Bella Road. Contact: [IRCLusaka@state.gov](mailto:IRCLusaka@state.gov) Tel : 021-1-238193/4. <http://zambia.usembassy.gov/advisory.html>.



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## Health: Yellow Fever Vaccination Record

Recently, the World Health Organization (WHO) upgraded Zambia on the map of yellow fever from “no risk” to “low risk.” The low risk areas are primarily along the border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

To date, there have been no reported cases of yellow fever in Zambia and the WHO does not recommend yellow fever vaccination for Zambia. Furthermore, the Zambian government only requires proof of yellow-fever vaccination if entering from a country where it is endemic.

However, due to the WHO changes, the South African government may require passengers transiting South Africa on their way to and from Zambia to show proof of having received yellow fever vaccination at least 14 days prior to their arrival in South Africa; those without proof may be turned around at the South African port of entry. (For complete entry/exit requirements for South Africa, please see our [Country Specific Information for South Africa](#) at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)).



## Voting News

Question: I’ve been overseas for awhile now and feel out of touch. How do I learn about candidates/propositions in my state?

Answer: See the excellent resources at: <http://www.fvap.gov/reference/links.html> where there are links to state election Web sites, political parties, and overseas voter organizations.

### Voting Slogan 2011

The U.S. Federal Voting Assistance Program held a contest for this year’s voting slogan. The winning entries in the Slogan Contest were:

- **“Over here, over there, don’t despair. Vote!”** - Ms. Dora Rodriguez, U.S. Marine Corps.
- **“It’s a freedom that you defend-Vote!”** - SGM Bob Pitman, U.S. Army (Retired).

Receiving Honorable Mention were:

- **“Be an Absentee Voter, Not an Absentee Citizen, VOTE”** - Ms. Cathy Neri, U.S. Navy.
- **“Absentee Vote, Made in America”** - SGT Andrew Saife, U.S. Army.
- **“You’re away from home, your voice shouldn’t be. Vote.”** - LTJG Katy Bock, U.S. Navy.



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## New Visas Call Center and Information Website

In order to improve the level of customer service offered to our visa applicants, you are now served by a call center and enhanced Website for general enquiries. Contact our no-fee visa call center at 0211-220-223 from Zambia or 703-439-2306 from the United States. Visit the website at [www.zambia.usvisa-info.com](http://www.zambia.usvisa-info.com). We welcome your queries via email at [consularlusaka@state.gov](mailto:consularlusaka@state.gov).



### Farewell

We will bid a fond farewell to our Vice Consul Stuart Denyer in September. He returns to Washington to study French and Public Affairs before heading out to be the Press/Cultural Attaché in Djibouti.

We are looking forward to the arrival in August of the new Vice Consul Robert Romanowski who will be joining us from Phnom Penh, Cambodia. We will introduce to him in the next issue of the Consular Communicator.

### For your Future Diplomats

Are your children curious about the world? They can learn more about what the State Department does by visiting [www.future.state.gov](http://www.future.state.gov). The Website offers fun activities and interactive educational information on the world of diplomacy for children, teachers and parents. It also links to the State Department's recruitment site: [www.careers.state.gov](http://www.careers.state.gov).



### WWW.TRAVEL.STATE.GOV

Consult the State Department's travel information site for information on services for U.S. citizens resident abroad and tips to stay safe. Check out the feature on road safety overseas: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety\\_1179.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1179.html). Stay Smart, Stay Safe, Stay Informed!



### Attention Traveling Students

Did you know that the State Department has a travel website especially for American youth traveling abroad? Whether you or the young adult in your family plans to travel to another country for holiday, study, mission work or other reasons, your first visit should be to [www.studentsabroad.state.gov](http://www.studentsabroad.state.gov). The "To Go" tab on the site offers free printable travel tools, including "Go Guides" with advice about staying healthy, what to do if you are a victim of crime, tips for women travelers and other topics, "Checklists" to prepare and pack for your trip, a "Wallet Card" with key resources, and "911"-equivalent numbers to get local help for emergencies. The Students Abroad site makes it quick and easy to study up for your big trip.